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SUBJECT: BIODATA - AMBASSADOR ADOLPH A. THOMPSON

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1. JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR ADOLPH ALPHONSO THOMPSON PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER ON NOVEMBER 4, 1970. HE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE NOR BEST INFORMED AMBASSADORS IN SANTO DOMINGO, IN PART BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF SPANISH, ALTHOUGH HE HAS MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THIS REGARD DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT HERE. NONETHELESS, HE GENERALLY MANAGES TO ATTRACT AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF PROMINENT DOMINICANS TO HIS RATHER INFREQUENT RECEPTIONS, POSSIBLY BECAUSE OF HIS RELATIVELY LAVISH ENTERTAINING STYLE.

2. AMBASSADOR THOMPSON REPORTEDLY HAD A LONG TIME ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES AT KINGSTON, JAMAICA. HIS PRIOR EXPERIENCE AS UNIVERISTY PROFESSOR AND ADMINISTRATOR IS REFLECTED IN HIS SCHOLARLY BENT AND HE IS CONVERSANT ON CURRENT ACADEMIC TRENDS IN THE CARIBBEAN. HE IS PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE BLACK POWER MOVEMENT AND BLACK NATIONALISM IN THIS AREA, CLAIMING TO HAVE TAUGHT MANY OF THE BRIGHT YOUNG NATIONALISTIC BLACK SCHOLARS DURING HIS LENGTHY TENURE AT THE UNIVERSITY. HE HIMSELF, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SEEM TO SHARE THESE NATIONALISTIC SENTIMENTS.

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3. THOMPSON, ABOUT 55, IS TALL, LANKY, AND WEARS GLASSES. HE

WALKS WITH A DECIDED STOOP, GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF SUFFERING
FROM BACK TROUBLE. A CIGAR SMOKER, HE IS A SOFT-SPOKEN
AND AFFABLE GENTLEMAN, FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. AND
AND AMERICANS, AND APPARENTLY REASONABLE. HE SEEMS WELL LIKED
BY HIS COLLEAGUES ALTHOUGH NOT PARTICULARLY REGARDED AS A MASTER
DIPLOMAT. HE HAS AN UNCONFIRMED REPUTATION AS A WOMANIZER. HE IS
MARRIED TO YETTA THOMPSON, A PLEASANT, WELL EDUCATION JAMAICAN WOMAN
OF JEWISH FAITH MUCH LIGHTER THAN HER HUSBAND.
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